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In re Application of  
Masahiro YAMANAKA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/773,243  
Filed: February 9, 2004  
For: BICYCLE CRANK ASSEMBLY

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Patent Art Unit: 3682

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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-51-007855 appears to disclose a crank having a sprocket mounted there to by crimping.

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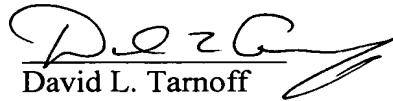
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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